

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks in combination with the Amendment previously filed on July 17, 2006.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 17, 2006, considered the Amendment filed by Applicant to be non-compliant for failing to include the text of withdrawn claims 17 – 24. Applicant has corrected the Listing of Claims to provide the text of withdrawn claims 17 – 24.

Applicant has also amended the withdrawn process claim 17 to now be dependant from independent product claim 1. Withdrawn process claims 18 – 24 are all either directly or indirectly dependent from claim 17. In the event product claim 1 is found to be allowable, Applicant requests rejoinder of the withdrawn process claims 17 – 24 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.141 and MPEP 821.04.

Finally, Applicant has amended claims 17 – 21, and 23 – 24, to correct antecedent basis and use terms consistently with the terms used in independent claim 1 from which they now depend.

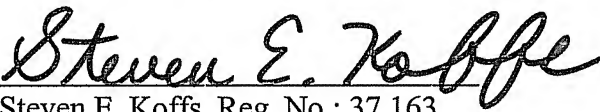
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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